

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus is provided for managing a controller embedded in a south bridge. The method includes determining if the south bridge of a processor-based system is configured to operate in a slave mode or a master mode, and polling one or more sensors in the processor-based system for status values in response to determining that the south bridge is configured to operate in the master mode. The method further includes receiving requests from a network interface card to access sensors internal to the south bridge based on determining that the south bridge is configured to operate in the slave mode.